GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:153
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2016
Wheat Procurement
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production and procurement of food crops during each of the last two years, season-wise and crop-wise;
(b) whether the Government has set any target/estimates for wheat procurement during 2016-17 marketing year, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon;
(c) whether the Government has urged the States to open adequate number of procurement centres; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and response of the States thereto indicating the number of centres proposed to be opened, State and agency-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO *153 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.03.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
(a): The statement showing production and procurement of wheat, rice and coarsegrain for the last two years is at Annexure-I.
(b): The Government of India has set a target of 305 Lakh Metric Tonnes for procurement of wheat for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2016-17. The state-wise details of the target set for procurement of wheat for RMS 2016-17 is at Annexure-II. Further, the Government has finalized the arrangements of procurement of wheat during RMS 2016-17 in a meeting of State Food Secretaries held on 15th February, 2016.
(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has urged the State Governments to open adequate number of procurement centres. The issue has been discussed in State Food Secretaries meeting held on 15.02.2016 and they have chalked out detailed action plan for the State for procurement of wheat during the ensuing wheat marketing season RMS 2016-17. The list of procurement centres to be opened for RMS 2016-17 is already mentioned Annexure II.
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